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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 AND § 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed is a Form PTO-1449, entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant," which lists 26 references in reverse chronological order. Copies of the references are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission, since it is being made before an initial Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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